

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION**

**CRIMINAL CASE NO. 1:07cr46**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	)	
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<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b><u>ORDER</u></b>
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	)	
<b>MICHAEL G. POPE,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant.</b>	)	
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**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Defendant's renewed motion for bail pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143(b). [Doc. 43].

On June 1, 2010, the Court entered an Order denying the Defendant's request to be released on bail pending his appeal, finding that the Defendant had failed to raise a substantial question of law or fact likely to result in a reversal, a new trial, or a reduced sentence. [Doc. 42]. The Defendant now renews his motion pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143(b). In support of his motion, the Defendant submits affidavits from his former attorney, Andrew Banzhoff, and his brother, Robert Pope. [Doc. 43].

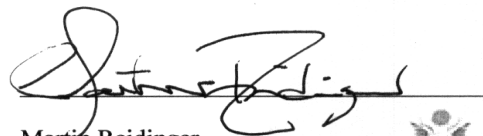
The Defendant states in his motion that he "is appealing his sentence for the failure of the government to give a 5K.1 [sic] downward departure."

[Doc. 43 at 5]. In addition, the Court has carefully reviewed the Defendant's renewed motion and supporting affidavits for any other available grounds. Based thereon the Court concludes that the Defendant has failed to raise a substantial question of law or fact likely to result in a reversal, a new trial, or a reduced sentence. See 18 U.S.C. § 3143(b)(1)(B). For these reasons, the Defendant's renewed motion for release pending his appeal will be denied.

Accordingly, **IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Defendant's renewed motion for bail pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143(b) [Doc. 43] is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: August 4, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Reidinger", written over a horizontal line.

Martin Reidinger  
United States District Judge

